

DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE.

QU'APPELLE.—At St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral the congregation has been gradually increasing. A chancel has been built during the last year at the expense of a friend of the Bishop. There has been an increase of 21 communicants. The receipts from all sources \$569.32.

REGINA.—St. Paul's Church is in good financial standing. Mr. Smith has decided that the mode of worship during the remainder of his stay shall be as follows:—Plain morning service with canticles and hymns; and evening service more musical, with choral service on the evening of Whit-Sunday, Trinity Sunday, etc.

Great credit is due to Mr. James Brown (organist) and Mr. LeJeune for the pains taken with the choir boys.

The following is from the parish register for the past year:—Number of families, 49; number of individuals, 186; number of communicants, 88; number of members (adults), 86; number of children at Sunday-school, 44; number baptised, 24; number confirmed, 10; number of marriages, 3; number of churchings, 1; number of burials, 4; number of Sunday services, 117; number of weekly do., 43; number of communions, 369.

Messrs. Hamilton and Fisher were re-elected delegates to the Diocesan Synod.

DIOCESE OF SASKATCHEWAN.

LETHBRIDGE.—At the Easter Vestry meeting of the Church at Lethbridge, Mr. Bentley, the People's Churchwarden, made a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the offertory which were as follows:—Receipts, \$244.97; disbursements, \$248.77; out of this \$85 had been paid to the organ fund, and \$18.75 to the building fund. After the report had been received, the election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the results being as follows:—Rector's warden, Mr. J. Kean; people's warden, Mr. J. H. Cavanah. Mr. Conybeare was elected delegate to the Synod.

Ven. Archdeacon Pinkham, Bishop designate, is visiting Prince Albert. He will return to Winnipeg and visit Alberta before his consecration, August 7th. He has recently received a gift of \$1,500 to be divided between the Dioceses of Saskatchewan and Algoma.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

KEMPTVILLE.—The Church is alive in the Parish of Kemptville. Work on church lines produces fruit. During the past year the services have been better attended, the several classes have been fuller. The beautiful Memorial church is now comfortably fitted, whereas when first built people used to ask, in derision, where the congregation was to come from to make any decent show in it. Many prophesied that it would have to be sold. During the last five years it has been finished at a cost of some five or six thousand dollars, and the mortgage has been reduced to about two thousand dollars. This Easter Vestry not only showed that all current expenses were met by the current income of over seventeen hundred dollars; but that the Parish had besides this sum eight hundred dollars deposited in the Bank towards paying mortgage on the Church, which falls due in three years, and a promise of one hundred and fifty dollars still to be paid in.

Among other institutions in the Parish, there is a Guild of young men to assist in working up the financial department of the Parish.

On Tuesday, April 27th, the much respected daughter of the sexton of St. James Church, was united in the bonds of matrimony to Mr. Arthur J. Templeton, by the Rector of the

Parish, the Rev. C. E. Emery. There was quite a crowded church on this occasion.

STIRLING.—St. John's.—We are glad to say that this parish is still showing signs of life, though many families have removed to distant lands. During Lent, cottage services were held from house to house, and on Good Friday, morning and evening services were held in the Church. The Church service on Easter morning was bright and cheerful, the altar, prayer desk and pulpit, were vested in white, cut flowers and flowers in pots, were in abundance, the singing by the choir was particularly good. Two very excellent sermons were preached by the Incumbent, and the lessons were clearly and distinctly read by his son John Keith Godden, a student of Trinity, Toronto. A new Easter organ has just been placed in the choir, some of the stops resemble a pipe organ, and for sweetness and power it can hardly be surpassed. Well may the people sing Easter triumph—Easter joy.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—St. Paul's.—The amount received from the Children's Lenten missionary boxes has, we are informed, exceeded one hundred dollars. This has been forwarded to Bishop Kingdon for work at the Church at Ludlow. Well done "Little ones," you have set an example to many other Sunday-schools.

THE RIGHT USE OF CHILDREN'S MISSION-BOXES.

A WORD TO SUNDAY-SCHOOL OFFICERS.

The short notice in the "News from the Home-field" of the efforts made last Lent by one of the Sunday-schools in St. John, for missionary work affords a text on which to say a few words to Sunday-schools throughout our Ecclesiastical province.

It is absolutely right and necessary that our coming generation should be trained to give of their own to the Lord's service. And what is done in one school can at least be tried in another. We will therefore give four pieces of practical advice that they who run may read:—

1. Let children's efforts be confined to some short definite period of time. And what better time is there than Lent? Children are children and we ought not to expect them to keep up a deep interest in their "boxes" for fifty-two weeks in the year.

We recognize the value of special Lenten efforts for adults, but why not for children? The fire of missionary enthusiasm set burning in the little hearts by an address at the beginning of Lent may be an occasional and judicious stirring up, be kept brightly alive for six weeks but not for months and months at a time.

2. Let the children know where their money is going, and what is going to be done with it. Doubtless grown up men and women may be content, and are content to a great extent, to swamp their subscriptions in some big general concern with head-quarters at Montreal or England where the funds are disposed of according to the wisdom of Bishops, DD's, and eminent laymen. But if this method appeals to the common sense of men and women as the most practical plan, yet we must remember that children, little children, are inquisitive, very inquisitive, would take ten times the interest in their little boxes if they knew exactly what was wanted with their money. And surely if superintendants took only a little interest in 'our Missionary news,' some special object could always be found, and most probably not far from their own diocese, in fact in it. For instance, in the case we have mentioned in St.

John, the school was first addressed just before Lent on the waste places in their own diocese. The children were asked to build a font in a certain poor church and to help towards the Missionary's stipend for the present year. Now here there was something definite, something which appealed to the little one's tastes. And the work has been done, and done cheerfully.

3. Parents should be told of the scheme chosen by the school officers, and requested to encourage their boys and girls in real acts of self-denial. For, a mission box which shows earnest effort is not one containing just one fifty cent piece or dollar bill, probably put in at the last moment by a fond parent, but one which contains plenty of brown cents with a sprinkling of five and ten cent pieces.

4. The value of Prayer should not be lost sight of. One or two collects for Missions added to the opening or closing office of the school during the period will impress upon teachers and scholars that the work is God's work. And prayer will certainly call down from Heaven the blessing promised by the ascended King.

EPISCOPACY.

All Christian bodies belong to one of three great families—the Episcopal family, the Presbyterian family and the Congregational family. The Episcopal family embraces about eighty-one per cent. of the Christendom; the Presbyterian about thirteen per cent.; and the Congregational about six per cent. [Encyclopædia Britannica vol. xix, p. 826, and Schaff-Herzog Encyclopædia vol. iii, 2026.] Congregationalists make each congregation independent. Each congregation governs itself and ordains its ministers. Presbyterian churches are governed by elders; a presbytery governs and ordains. Episcopalians believe in a government by Bishop. We have three orders of ministers—[1] Bishops [2] Presbyters [3] Deacons. The Bishops are successors of the Apostles. They alone govern the Church and ordain its ministers. The Presbyters and Deacons do the teaching, ruling and pastoral work of the local congregation, and are subject to their Bishop. This paper is designed to give the Scriptural argument for Episcopacy.

First of all let me call attention to the fact that we base nothing on the "Bishop," for Bishop is used interchangeably with elder or presbyter. The use of the concordance for half an hour will satisfy any one that nothing in this discussion can be decided by names. In the new Testament the words are used in a general, not in technical sense. Thus Christ is called Bishop [1 Peter ii, 25]. An Apostle is called Bishop [Acts i, 20]. And elders are called "Bishops." Again: Apostles are called elders [1 Peter v, 2; 1 John i] and also deacons [Cor. iii, 5]. Yet with all this interchangeable use of words, we clearly distinguish between the Apostle and the Elder [Acts xv, 6], and again between the Elder and Deacon. This use of words has been noted by all of the best defenders of Episcopacy. Thus Hooker says in this connection: "Things are always ancienter than their names." The old writers, Chrysostome, Jerome and Theodoret, noticed the same. Thus Theodoret says [Com. 1 Tim. iii, 1]: "The same persons were anciently called promiscuously both Bishops and Presbyters, whilst those who are now called Bishops were called Apostles." We are contending for things, not words. Words are the daughters of men, but things are the sons of God.

This is an important subject. It lies at the basis of the Christian constitution. It is a question of government. The beginning of every government is the institution of its forces